## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Initially, the indication that Claims 21-36 are withdrawn is noted.

Claims 37-39 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, the errant word "at" has been removed from Claim 37.

Claims 37-38, 40-41 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as allegedly being unpatentable over Lemaire et al. Claims 39 and 42 stand rejected over Lemaire et al. in view of Chander et al. Claims 37 and 40 have been amended herewith to emphasize their patentable distinctions. These amendments emphasize how the rejection does not meet the patent office's burden of providing a prima facie showing of unpatentability.

Claim 37 defines receiving an alert from one of the plurality of recipients, generating a data field that identifies at least one target recipient, generating a second data field that indicates the type of alert management message, and transmitting the data fields to the recipients. The type of alert management message is based on the alert.

Lemaire et al., in contrast, teaches a communication system which allows sending information to multiple different message

recipients. There is no teaching or suggestion that the message recipient is an "alert"; much less the kind of alert which can be managed according to an alert management message. In order to even further distinguish over the prior art, Claim 37 is amended to recite that the alert is one which can be of a plurality of different types. With all due respect, therefore, Lemaire et al. does not disclose receiving an "alert" of this type. The cited section defines answering a telephone call, but this is not an alert which can be used to set a type of alert management message. Claim 37 has also been amended to specify that the type of alert management message is based on the type of alert. This further distinguishes over Lemaire et al.

In addition, Claim 37 requires a first data field that identifies the target recipient and a second data field that identifies the type of alert management message. The rejection alleges that the "classification information" reads on the type of alert management message. With all due respect, there is no suggestion that the classification information has anything to do with the type of the alert. The only disclosure of the "classification message" is in Lemaire et al. column 2 line 42-43. One might postulate that it has something to do with classification of something -- however, there is no teaching or suggestion that this classification is based on the type of the

alert, as claimed. Claim 40 has also been amended to recite that the alert can be one of a plurality of different types of alerts. Claim 40 should be additionally allowable for these reasons.

The dependent claims should be additionally allowable for analogous reasons to those discussed above with respect to the respective independent claims, as well as on their own merits.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. No fee is believed to be due, however please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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